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RE: Application No. 09/575,377

Art Unit 1647

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Sir:

In response to the communication dated July 6, 2006, applicants submit a substitute amendment and request for reconsideration of the above-identified application in connection with a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) submitted January 23, 2006.

No fee payment is believed necessary any deficiency of fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2518.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.